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OLD MAN MEETS DEATH IN FLAMES

Work is Started on Bewley Mills Plant in Decatur

Sheriff Workman Bags Carload of Drunk Negroes

FORT WORTH FIRM OPENS UP BRANCH

Bewley Mills Company, one of the state's largest milling concerns, with headquarters in Fort Worth, has purchased the old oil mill property near the freight depot in Decatur, and a force of workmen is now busy in remodeling and making preparations to erect a twenty-five thousand bushel capacity elevator. The coming of this giant business concern to Decatur speaks in high terms of what Mr. Bewley and his associates think of this town and community as business points, and the addition to the business interests of the county will be materially felt by other enterprises. One of the best and most modernly equipped plants in the state will be erected by the Bewley people, and all mill products in large quantities will be carried in stock. The famous "Bewley's Best" flour will be "featured."

Mr. Jack Walker, who has been in the employ of the Bewley Mills for a number of years, and who has been active in the wheat market in Decatur for a number of seasons, will be the manager of the Decatur plant. Mr. Walker is well known to a large number of Decatur and community citizens, having lived here before accepting a position with the Fort Worth concern, and his splendid integrity and fair dealing equip him for the responsible position, and guarantees to the patrons of the Bewley plant the courtesy and fair play they are entitled to.

A large force of workmen was put to work yesterday morning and the remodeling of the building is being rushed. The elevator will be erected at the north end of the large storage room.

DENTON ENTHUSED OVER OIL SHOWING

A sample of crude oil, bailed from the abandoned Keystone well west of Justin and just over the Wise county line, was shown here Friday by Dr. E. O. Hayes, who was present Thursday when the well was bailed in the presence of a number of spectators. The well was abandoned two months ago, Hayes said, after an attempt to shoot it resulted only in bridging the bore. Owners of the holding released it to another man, who was to remove the casing. He bailed the well, Hayes said, and reported that about one hundred feet of oil was standing on top of the salt water. About a barrel of the oil was brought to the surface.

The sample shown in Denton, Mr. Hayes said, tested about forty-five degrees and was highly inflammable, as a test showed. How much oil there is can not be estimated, but it is believed that the stuff found seeped thru the bridge or thru the broken casing.

The oil sands were found at 3,260 feet, but the drill went to a final depth of 4,000 feet before abandoning. Then it was plugged back to the 3,260 foot level and "shot," with results as stated. Denton Record-Chronicle.

LOT RESERVED FOR SALE OF PRODUCTS

Reservation of the lot between East Walnut and East Main streets, two blocks east of the public square, has been made to serve as a market square during the fair next week when the fair itself will be roped off and no vehicles allowed thereon.

Cotton and all produce for sale should be brought to the lot for disposal. This arrangement is made that there may be no hindrance to the marketing of cotton and other produce during the fair.

COUNTY-WIDE FAIR INTEREST EMINENT

A development in Wise county fair activity is the county-wide interest that is being shown in the big event to come on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 20th, 21st and 22nd of next week. The communities of Sycamore and Sweetwater are now working in feverish haste to prepare their community exhibits and hold their fairs so as to be ready for the county event. The first, at Sweetwater, will come next Saturday, September 15th, and Sycamore's on the following Tuesday, September 18th. A general good time is anticipated for both these occasions. Sweetwater will hold a program in advance of the big dinner that will be given and there will be a rodeo in the afternoon.

In a combination of free attraction for the Wise county fair on the above dates, there have been included two classy professional performances each afternoon and night—Happy George Byrd, a black-face singing and dancing comedian, who is expected to make everybody laugh, and Madam Sylvanna in cortonists acts. These will appear on a platform arranged out-doors and will be supplemented by a miscellaneous program of singing, instrumental music, concerts by the local orchestra and the band and other features. These programs will be entirely free to all who wish to hear and see.

Classy entertainment is also being arranged by one of the fair committees for the high school auditorium for Thursday evening, September 20th, when a vaudeville in black-face will be put on by Decatur ladies. This will be a fresh novel and interesting exhibition and will no doubt be greatly enjoyable.

A spectacle in beauty of plan and arrangement will be the historical pageant to be carried out in the ball park of the college campus Friday evening, September 21st, when a program representative of the unfolding scenes of Wise county history will be displayed with all the realism possible. Beautiful lights and coloring, beautiful costumes, beautiful girls will be in evidence, a beautiful queen of the fair will be crowned as a culminating scene of history of the present day.

For this event winsome and queenly princesses are coming from many parts of the county to join the august court of her highness, Lois of the House of Shawver, and to drive in the parade, which itself will be emblematic of the scenes of county history.

Decorations are in the hands of an efficient committee which is working out details in this regard. The street lighting system will be elaborated on a larger scale than distinguished the event of last year and is expected to add much gaiety to the night scene.

The auction sale of livestock will take place as scheduled in the general circular of announcement. This is an event in which the livestock people are exhibiting much pride in that thru it they hope to distribute many fine specimens of thorough-bred stock throughout the county.

A novel occurrence will be that of the trial of the scrub. The principles for this engrossing court scene have all been selected with a view to their fitness for their parts. A scrub will be put on trial for his life, and arraigned before a judge and jury. The clerk will formally read the charge, he will be prosecuted and defended, witnesses will be introduced and the jury will finally say if he should live and do further detriment to the livestock interest or die and be substituted by one of the aristocratic specimens of the breeding pens. This stunt is designed to bring many laughs and much instruction.

Games on the streets, stunts by the boys and girls, a stock judging by boys' farm clubs, ball games and man other resources of pleasure and instruction are in anticipation for what is now thought will be one of the best fairs ever held in this whole section.

Arrest Love-sick Laborer Following Tragedy

The stories of heroic deeds, facing enemy bullets and charging across fire-swept fields, related by Allen Dean, returned soldier from France, did not stir the emotions in the heart of pretty Elizabeth Miles, blonde hair and bobbed according to the latest style. She told Dean that she could not care for him; that he did not measure up to her ideal of a sweetheart. Dean, with the tenacity he claimed to have exhibited in repelling the Germans in their ruthless invasion of France, appealed to the girl's father, asking his assistance in rounding-to the girl's affections, and cause her to appreciate the love and admiration of one of her country's defenders; one who had so heroically followed the fortunes of the flag that has never known defeat, the proud banner of a free people.

Allen Dean, claiming to be an ex-soldier of the United States army, was arrested on the Green farm, southeast of Decatur, Monday morning, following a destructive fire early Monday morning, which completely destroyed the farm home of W. H. Miles and causing the death of John Jones, fifty years of age, who was an employee on the Miles farm. When arrested by Sheriff W. M. Workman and Chief Deputy George Gage, Dean was in the cotton field on the Green farm, and as the officers placed him under arrest he stated that he had been expecting to be arrested, intimating that the officers' action was the result of a "frame-up" on the part of someone. It is believed that Dean was expecting arrest on a charge of deserting from the army. No mention was made of the Miles house burning by the arresting officers, and it was not until the officers and Dean drove near the scene of the fire, coming to town, did he say anything about the fire. As the car passed within fifty feet of the scene Dean remarked: "The old man has lost his house." After being informed of the nature of the charge against him and placed in jail, Dean stated to County Attorney P. L. Gettys that he was at the Green home, two miles east of the Miles place, on Sunday night. He said he returned from Fort Worth shortly after nine o'clock on the Santa Fe train, and after leaving the train at Justin, went to the Green home, retiring about ten-thirty. He said he slept on a pallet on a porch, and after retiring never left the premises.

The Miles home, one of the most substantial in that section of the county, was destroyed by fire about twenty-thirty Monday morning, believed to be of incendiary origin. Elizabeth Miles, eighteen years old, is suffering from shock, sustained when an attempt was made by an intruder in her room to carry her from her bed shortly before the fire broke out. The charred bones of Johnny Jones, who had worked on the Miles farm for some time, were taken from the ashes and ruins on Monday morning and carried to the family burying ground near Alvord.

A Messenger reporter visited the scene Monday afternoon and talked with Elizabeth Miles, her sister, Fanny May, and the father, W. H. Miles. As the reporter left the car and approached the heap of ruins and ashes, which marked the place where the splendid country home of the Miles stood, the two girls came out of the ram-shackled house the family had sought refuge in since the disaster put them out of a home. The girls' eyes were swollen from loss of sleep and crying. They wore dresses that had been furnished them by neighbors. Everything the girls possessed was swept away in the flames. They were stockless, and on their feet they wore old slippers they had evidently salvaged from the rubbish pile in the barn store-room. Fanny May, pretty little miss of fourteen, was the first to answer the questions of the reporter. She said that when the fire broke out in the lower floor the flames seemed to spread instantly all over the hall. She and her sister, who were sleeping in the northwest room, ran out in the hall and screamed for their mother and father, who were sleeping in an adjoining room

on the south. "When mama ran out of the room she called to father," stated the girl, "and we all began to scream for the other members of the family and the boys sleeping upstairs. When we all gathered in the yard father missed Mr. Jones. Then we all began screaming for him. He had a habit of locking the doors of his room, and we feared he would be too late. He never came out, and this morning they found his heart and bones over there." As she pointed to a spot in the ruins the little girl began to cry. "Poor, good Mr. Jones," she sobbed, and with tears streaming down her face, the little girl said: "He had been with us for quite a while, and we loved him. He was so good." Big tears were standing in Elizabeth's eyes as the reporter asked her to relate the story of her part in the affair that is reported to have caused Dean, the ex-soldier and defender of democratic institutions of the country, to seek such awful vengeance on the Miles family, snuffing out the life of an old man, and bringing suffering and sorrow to a household.

"Have you been keeping company with this fellow Dean, and were you in love with him?" asked the Messenger reporter.

The girl's eyes flashed. She then brushed away the tears and, pushing back strands of her bobbed blonde locks that had fallen over her forehead, she eyed the reporter a second, and then propounded the startling question: "Are you a lawyer?" The reporter immediately dissipated any apprehension or suspicion she entertained by stating he was not a lawyer but a reporter for Decatur's most widely read newspaper, and that our mission there was to get a true story of the tragic affair. Then the little girl, around whom, it is said, the terrible tragedy revolves, told her story.

She said: "Dean came to our house some months ago and asked for work. Father employed him, as we had known Dean in Collin county when we lived on a farm near Plano. That was when I was a little baby, about two years old. He worked for father there awhile, and we never heard of him until he came here. When he came he said he had been with the American army in France and Germany. He told us lots of things about being in the army. He wanted to go with me, and I did go with him some but I never cared for him, as he was too old. He is about thirty-five I think. He worked for father several months, then he quit and went to work for Mr. Green, who lives two miles east of here. He wrote letters to me, and asked me to go driving with him. I did not go, and he got mad. Then he came over here, and one day he told sister and me what he would do to a fellow who talked to a girl he loved. He seemed to think I was talking too much to another fellow who works for father. Dean showed us something he had brought back from Germany. It was a steel box of a thing, and he told us that he could load it with powder and touch it off and burn up a big house. He told us that he had killed a man somewhere in Texas by talking to a girl of his. Thursday night he came here and asked me to go driving with him, but I told him I would not go. As we left he said: 'I still love you.'"

INTER-SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE OFFICIALS

During the Wise County Teachers' Institute here last week, the Wise County Inter-Scholastic League was convened and new officers named for the coming year. Every school in the county joined the league, and much enthusiasm was manifest in the work. Every school is expected to take part in the county meet, which will be held in Decatur next spring.

Following are the officers for the league this season: Director general, B. C. Schulkey of Alvord; director of declamations, C. C. Bock of Chico; director of athletics, Penn Dickson of Decatur; director of debating, C. W. Williamson of Rhome; director of essay writing, Miss Gabie Sue Carpenter of Decatur; director of spelling, J. H. Gentry of Boyd; director of music memory contest, Miss Eileen Rowan of Decatur; director of rural schools, Mrs. Atcheson of Midway.

The county meet will take up two days next spring, and all athletic events will be held on the Baptist College athletic field.

Here the girl broke off the story, and turning to her sister, she said something about "Poor Mr. Jones," and in tears, the two, with locked arms, turned and went to the ram-shackled house that is home to the Miles family since their substantial and well furnished house was reduced to smoldering ruins and ashes.

The reporter followed the girls to the house, and as he approached the door, Mr. Miles hobnobbed out of the house on two sticks he used as crutches. He asked the reporter to take a chair. The reporter sat down, and as Mr. Miles seated himself, he explained that he had lost his crutch in the fire and was using the sticks until another crutch could be brought from town. Years ago one of Mr. Miles' legs was amputated, following a serious affection of a bone in the member. He is a man about fifty-five years of age, and shows that much of his life has been spent in the open in hard labor. He is a man of good appearance, and the stranger would take him to be a good, honorable man; hard working and eager to accumulate some of the world's goods for his family. The Messenger reporter, a stranger to Mr. Miles, sized him up as being this type of man. Relating his experiences of the destruction of his home and his knowledge of the affair between his daughter and Dean, he said:

"Dean had worked for me, but for some time he has been working for Mr. Green over to the east of us. While here he was trying to go with the girl, but she would have little to do with him. I came to me and asked my permission to go with her. I told him that I would have no serious objection to him going with the girl, but advised him to leave her alone as she did not care for him. Elizabeth had told me she did not want him bothering him. He left this place, and since working for Mr. Green he has been over here several times, talking to the girls. I knew him in Collin county near Plano. He worked on my farm there a short time. He must have been desperate when he entered the girls' room just before the fire and tried to drag Elizabeth from the bed. The girls were asleep, and when Dean put his hand on her throat she screamed. He then grabbed her by the arm and pulled her off the bed. As he ran out of the door, both girls ran after him, screaming as loud as they could. As they reached the door, a flash came and the whole lower floor of the house seemed to be afire in an instant. The man escaped, and we never saw any more of him. The loss of my property hits me hard, but to think of Mr. Jones losing his life in the fire is terrible and our hearts are breaking. He was one of us, and we loved him." Tears came to Mr. Miles' eyes as he related how he screamed and hollered for the man after he gathered his family in the yard and found Mr. Jones missing.

HILARIOUS DOINGS HALTED BY OFFICER

Sheriff W. M. Workman and Chief Deputy George Gage made a visit into the settlement east of Rhome on last Saturday night and arrested eight negroes, three men and five women. They were in a high-power automobile and were headed for a big dance in Denton county when taken by the officers. Several in the party were hilarious, and a quantity of corn whiskey was found in the car.

All the negroes were brought to Decatur and lodged in jail. Six paid fines into the justice court till, and two, Abe Johnson and Ollie Showers, Fort Worth citizens, made bond in the sums of seven hundred and fifty dollars to appear on charges of transporting whiskey.

Johnson and Showers intended to show the other negroes a "good time" and had not the officers interfered the festivities at the colored ball would have waxed fast and furious, as Johnson and his party were well supplied with the stimulating power to make a ball a hilarious affair.

While returning to town with the party, Sheriff Workman was called upon to give one of the negro women a hot foot-race. The woman jumped from the car and made a break across the country. The sheriff got a poor start, as the fleeing wench was fifty yards from the car when the officers discovered she was missing. The woman was over-weight for a long race, weighing around two hundred pounds. But at that, she gave the sheriff a good lively race.

DECATUR MEN ARE TO RECOVER WELL

Arrangements are now being made among local oil men to clean out the Hunter-Scott well, which is showing strong indications of being an oil producer. Since the showing made when the well was bailed last Thursday in the presence of several hundred people, interest in the well has been increasing, and when the work of cleaning out the bridge is started, it is believed much activity will take place in the field. It is understood that Mr. John Scott has agreed to have the well cleaned and a thorough test made, if the lease owners, holding land near the well, will assist him. Mr. Scott is out of the city and no statement from him could be secured by the Messenger.

A number of barrels of oil have been bailed from the well, and the quality is of a high grade.

MISS SHAWVER TO BE QUEEN OF FAIR

Lois of the House of Shawver will be queen of the Wise county fair for the year 1923. Miss Shawver is the daughter of Rev. L. D. Shawver, presiding elder of Decatur district of Methodist churches, and has been an admired leader in church, musical and social life during the residence of her family here. She is a lovely young lady and has lots of friends who will be pleased at the signal honor that has come to her as the result of being selected as the first queen of a Wise county fair.

Queen Lois will be crowned at the culmination of the historical pageant on the grounds of the Baptist College ball park on Friday evening of the Wise county fair next week, and will be attended in her queenly majesty by a bevy of winsome princesses chosen from among the beautiful girls of Wise county towns.

Old fiddlers and county singing classes were not previously notified, are requested to put in appearance for the fair next week in Decatur.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We announce that E. W. Bass, graduate and registered optometrist, will be with us every Saturday to make careful eye examinations and fit glasses.

Eagle Drug House

Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.			
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
7—	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:00 am
3—	7:45 am	9:16 am	11:55 am
1—	9:45 am	11:03 am	1:10 pm
5—	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	11:55 pm
SOUTH BOUND.			
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
8—	3:00 am	5:26 am	7:00 am
6—	8:00 am	10:30 am	12:01 pm
4—	1:15 pm	3:45 pm	5:15 pm
2—	2:45 pm	5:00 pm	6:20 pm

Don't miss the dark town vaudeville Thursday night, September 20th, at the high school auditorium.

A number of typographical errors appear in the story of the burning of the Miles home and death of one of its occupants, appearing to today's Messenger. Owing to the rush, caused by a number of advertisers getting their copy in the office at a late hour, the proof with the errors marked was misplaced and overlooked in making up the forms for the press. The fire occurred at two-thirty on Monday morning. In the uncorrected article "twenty-thirty" appears where it should read two-thirty.

In response to a query from the Messenger, City Health Officer Dr. Gordon Rogers states that the city water is free from typhoid germs. This statement is made in order to allay the fears of many Decatur people who were afraid to use the city water. A statement from the state department concerning the city water will be given next week.

Mrs. N. W. Halcomb is here from Fort Worth. She reports that her son, Bascom, is seemingly slowly regaining his health in the Baptist sanitarium at El Paso.

J. A. Moore visited Ardmore, Oklahoma, this week. He was accompanied home by his wife, who has been visiting in that city.

Ralph Renshaw and Robert Gibbs left this week to enter State University at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bellah have returned from a visit to Wichita Falls.

All floats or cars entering the fair parade will assemble at the depot on Thursday, September 20th, at twelve-thirty. The parade will start at one o'clock.

John Wasson will receive a car of Arkansas apples next Monday, and will offer them for sale at a reasonable price.

John Van Meter has returned to Corsicana after a visit here.

County Secretary L. A. Western of the Wise county Farm Labor Union stated Wednesday that the union had made arrangements to store cotton seed at the Bewley elevator at the old oil mill.

A new bicycle was stolen from the front porch of the residence of Frank Caraway on South Trinity street on Tuesday night. The bicycle was a "Hawthorne." Officers are working on the case.

Rev. J. W. Slagle was called to Hopkins county Sunday on account of the illness of his father. Rev. Slagle returned on Wednesday, his father's condition having improved.

Gordon Thomason Jr. of Waco, has been visiting Tom Rush.

Paul Davis has returned from a stay in Electra.

A number of fair boosting trips have been made to various sections of the county this week, and as a result large crowds from over the county are expected to attend the fair next week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gettys, on Friday, September 7th, 1923, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Taylor of Vernon, are visiting homefolks here. Mrs. Johnnie Logan of Fort Worth, has been visiting Mrs. Will Terrell.

Misses Agnes and Maggie Spencer of Dallas high schools, visited their sister, Mrs. W. C. Shults, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minor of Denton, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. Clyde McMurray and daughter, Jessie, were here from Fort Worth visiting relatives.

Mrs. Tom Sandier is visiting in Galveston.

J. A. Simpson and family and John Lambert returned on Saturday from Fort Stockton, where Mr. Simpson has just completed a contract on some public works.

Mrs. Effie Hefflin or Wilson, Oklahoma, and Miss Minola Harding of Wichita Falls, have been visiting Miss Ada Harding.

C. L. Christian and Gene Ball of this city, and Z. B. Bobo of Rhome, returned last week from a trip to Wheeler county, where they had good sport in hunting prairie chickens.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williamson, on Friday, September 7th, 1923, twins, a son and daughter.

Miss Christine McCracken of Servilleta, New Mexico, is the guest of the family of Tom McCracken.

Mmes. A. C. Whitmore and John W. Wallace left Monday for their homes in DeQueen, Arkansas, after several weeks' visit to the family of Gus Hughes.

Mrs. Joe Wilhite is visiting in Wichita Falls.

Tom McCracken made a business trip to Wichita Falls this week.

Mrs. Jack Rieger visited friends in Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. Lloyd Douglas and Miss Ann Bobo of Rhome, were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. W. E. Maynard of Bastrop, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

Misses Mary Williams of Dallas, and Zephyr Stephens of Chico, have been guests of Miss Lois Shawver.

Mrs. Sophia Curtis of Gainesville, is visiting Mrs. H. E. Brady.

Mr. Earl McCracken and Miss Della Baxter, both of Wichita Falls, were married in that city August 29th. The bride is a charming and popular girl, and is well known here, having visited in Decatur. Mr. McCracken was reared in this city, but of late years he has been railroading out of Wichita Falls. Messenger extends congratulations.

Misses Sylvia Rieger, Marie Walker and Catherine Bennett visited last week in Alvord.

Presiding Elder L. D. Shawver of Decatur district Methodist church has called a meeting of all the Methodist ministers of the Decatur district to meet in Bridgeport on Tuesday, September 18th, at nine-thirty a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lackey and Masters Byron and Lee Smyth and Miss Hazel Smyth of Fort Worth, visited the family of H. L. Jones from Saturday till Monday.

We insist that every member of the W. C. T. U. be present next Friday, September 14th at three o'clock at the Methodist church, at which time the officers for the year and delegate to the state convention will be elected. September is the month to pay dues.—Reporter.

Just received—express shipment of ladies' new sport hats at Rieger Brothers.

Pure-bred stock raisers expecting to make exhibits at the fair next week are requested to meet on the show lot (International Hotel) next Monday morning to assist in locating the show tents and to select space.

Hold your cotton and let me insure it. J. W. Bailey.

The Wise county board of school trustees has set apart Friday, September 21st, as educational day at the Wise county fair and declared a public holiday for the schools that have opened. A fitting program is arranged and additional to the stimulus children will receive in attendance on the various features and departments of the fair.

The Campbell Baking Company of Dallas, will give free demonstrations of cakes and bread at the McCarter Grocery during the fair.

A cemetery workday will be held at Jonestown on the first Friday in October, the fifth. Everybody who is interested is urged to attend.

A community fair and free barbecue will be held at Sycamore on next Tuesday, September 18th. A list of the premiums is given in this issue.

Decatur Baptist College opens its fall session next Wednesday, September 19th. From all indications a large attendance will be on hand the first day. Students have already begun to arrive. Professor Clyde Newton, the new instructor of mathematics and science, arrived from Waco Thursday. Professor Newton is an able instructor and will prove a valuable addition to the faculty.

I will insure the farmer's cotton no matter where it is. J. W. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blackburn visited relatives in Bridgeport last Sunday.

Try the best shampoo on the market—retail size jars, fifty cents at Roe Shoemaker's barber shop.

Miss Nora Johnson left Friday for Livingston, where she will teach the subject of home economics in the public school.

See the Florodora Sextet just from Broadway at high school auditorium Thursday night, September 20th.

Robert Gibson left Wednesday for Austin, to attend State University.

Miss Wynelle Henderson left last Wednesday for Fort Worth, where she will take up her duties as instructor in the high school.

J. C. Miller of Fort Worth, has been relieving Express Agent C. C. Lewis for the past ten days.

Claud Lewis and family have returned from a stay in Glenrose.

Dallas Beauchamp, president of the Boyd chamber of commerce, was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office yesterday. Mr. Beauchamp is a very wide-awake and progressive man and is a real booster for his home town and section. He stated that the Boyd organization was very active and enthusiastic and that good results were being realized from the united action.

On account of a rush of advertising this week, a number of good articles are necessarily left over till next week. Among them is a splendid article from L. A. Western, secretary of the farm labor union of Wise county.

A pep squad was organized at the high school on Thursday afternoon. Misses Marguerite Mearns and Ida Pearl Gill and Mr. J. C. Blewett were elected yell leaders. Professor Clarence Ford supervised the pep meeting and made a short talk to the sixty high school students present. Several yells were learned and the big auditorium rung with pep. The slogan "one thousand people at Sanger game," was adopted and the squad is working to accomplish this.

Coming—music and lots of fun at high school auditorium, September 20th. Be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rieger were Dallas visitors Wednesday. They were accompanied by Miss Marie Walker, who had been visiting here.

J. M. Roberson of Vera, visited Lory D. White this week.

A meeting of the melon and truck growers is called to convene in the chamber of commerce hall Saturday, September 6th. An effort will be made to organize for the purpose of putting these industries on a business footing for next year. If sufficient acreage can be secured a shipping agent will be secured.

The Campbell Baking Company of Dallas, will give free demonstration of cakes and bread at the McCarter Grocery during the fall fair.

20 YEARS AGO

—File Sept. 11, 1903—

Miss Opal Kenny has returned from a summer's visit with relatives in Tennessee.

T. L. Taylor and Billy Bridges of Cottondale, were in to see us while in town Monday.

County Attorney Frank J. Ford returned Monday from West Texas, where he has been occupied with a swindling case in court.

The state comptroller reports the receipt at his office of the tax rolls of Wise county for 1903, showing a valuation of \$6,555,916, an increase of \$167,700.

Willis, Warren and Terrell Lillard have gone to Austin to attend St. Edwards College, while Miss Nora Lillard has entered St. Mary's Academy at Austin.

W. T. Waggoner of Decatur, has placed twenty thousand acres of his Wilbarger county land in the hands of Frisco immigration agents to be sold to farmers.

Postmaster T. L. Ball has been informed by the post office department at Washington that the post offices of Anneville and Muse will be discontinued on September 14th. Mail for those offices will be stopped at Decatur or sent out on the free delivery routes to those who have boxes.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

1c Per Word

—CASH IN ADVANCE—
No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c.

WHY?—Yes, why don't you list your property for rent or sale? I have calls for both. Try me.—J. W. BAILEY, Decatur. (37)

FOR RENT.

ROOM FOR RENT—Nice large south room with bath privileges; price reasonable.

sonable.—MRS. R. E. BELL. (38)
FOR SALE—Good sheaf oats at my barn.—FRANK MESSENGER, route five, Decatur. (38)

FOR RENT—Three-room residence; close in. \$7.50 per month.—J. A. SIMMONS at First National Bank of Decatur. (38)

ROOM AND BOARD for school girls; convenient to both schools. See MISS SALLIE MITCHELL, on South Miller street. (37)

FOR RENT—Five-room house, on South Trinity street. Apply to W. P. THURMOND at City National Bank, Decatur. (36-1f)

ROOMS FOR RENT—furnished or unfurnished; close in.—Mrs. JULIA TILLEY, first door south City Hotel, South Trinity street. (38)

LOST

LOST—Navy blue sweater; Bradley brand in back. Return here. \$3.00 reward.—MUNAL BOMER, 425 Lula street, Denton. (38)

FOR SALE.—FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter model nine; in first-class condition; bargain; \$30 cash or \$35 terms. Apply at Messenger office. (37)

FARM FOR SALE—Owing to my ill health I have decided to sell my farm that is located in the Aurora Valley, two and one-half miles west of Rhome. This is a very ideal farm consisting of about 60 acres of land in cultivation and 15 acres of choice timber land; all under one fence. Write me or come and look at it.—A. E. BUTLER, Rhome, Texas, route one. (39)

FOR SALE—My farm, six miles west of Decatur; 189 acres good sandy land. Will sell at a bargain if purchased now.—MRS. N. W. HALCOMB, in Decatur till Monday, or J. A. SIMMONS at the First National Bank. (38)

WANTED

WANTED—Sewing and quilting; at reasonable prices; satisfaction guaranteed.—MRS. WILEY FOWLER, Decatur. (39)

Tell Your Community--and Keep Telling 'em

—Every man, woman and child that has one cent of non-interest bearing and unsecured deposit in this bank has same guaranteed by the guaranty fund system of Texas—which system has a membership of over nine hundred banks with approximately sixty-five million dollars in capital and resources of two hundred and twenty-five million dollars. This big system has been in operation in Texas twelve years, under which plan no non-interest bearing or unsecured depositor has ever lost a dollar. This system has just passed thru one of the very hardest depressions, following the world war, the country has ever known—and stood the test and met its obligations by paying one hundred cents on the dollar.

—Therefore this bank offers you absolute safety without a doubt or a single moment's worry!

—We pay interest on time deposits.

SECURITY STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

—Member Federal Reserve System—

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"Buy It In Decatur"

How You May Save Money and Gas Both

Tests made by the United States Bureau of Standards show these pointed facts:

1. With a lid on the utensil, violent boiling of two quarts of water consumed **nine times** as much gas as was necessary to maintain the boiling point.

2. For gentle boiling it took **five times** as much gas with the lid off as was required with the lid on.

Regulation Pays

The report says:

"Many cooking processes require the heating of the water up to boiling and the maintenance of the boiling temperature, 212°F., until the food is cooked. Some people forget, or do not know, that water cannot be heated to a temperature higher than 212°F. (except in a steam boiler), and that violent boiling does not accelerate the speed of cooking."

If you are using gas as needful, the gas bill? **nine times as much** should you kick on

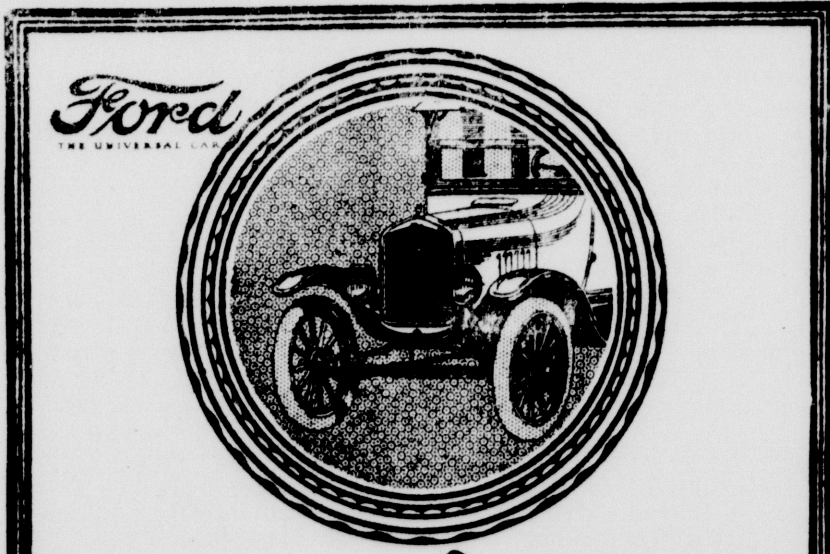
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THE EAGLE DRUG HOUSE



Announcement

The new Ford cars are now ready for your inspection, introducing changes that improve the appearance of the various body types and increase their comfort and utility.

They offer you not only economical and dependable transportation, but also a more attractive style and a greater share of motoring convenience—a combination that makes the outstanding value of Ford cars more impressive than ever.

See the new Ford models now on display in our showroom.

These cars can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.



DECATUR MOTOR CO.

REVIVAL MEETING CLOSED ON SUNDAY

The Fisher revival closed Sunday night, after a successful campaign lasting for three weeks. The Methodist tabernacle was crowded nightly during the services, and much good was accomplished by the eloquent and logical messages delivered by Rev. Albert C. Fisher. The congregation presented the evangelist with five hundred dollars Sunday morning, as a token of appreciation of the good he had done by coming here.

All churches were benefitted by the revival, and the Methodists received a number of new members.

JUDGE WILL PRICE VISITING DECATUR

Judge Will H. Price, a former Decatur citizen, now one of the most prominent citizens in the state of Florida, is here with his wife, visiting Mrs. M. A. Taylor, who is a sister of Mrs. Price.

Judge Price, better known to old-time Decatur citizens as Will H., left here about thirty-two years ago. He was a partner of Captain Will A. Miller in the land business, with offices in a frame building which stood just west of the present Masonic building. The court house stood where the Man & Christian establishment is now located. After disposing of his interests in the land business here to Captain Miller and association, Mr. Price and wife moved to Florida, locating in Miami, where he opened law offices. His splendid ability and striking personality soon attracted to him a good practice, and for years he has been recognized as one of that state's most able lawyers. Judge Price was a member of the supreme court for several years, but resigned to return to the practice of law. He served two terms as state democratic chairman of Florida.

Judge Price was a welcome visitor at the Messenger office Wednesday. He and his wife will be here several days visiting relatives and friends.

FOOTBALL AT HIGH SCHOOL PROMISING

The high school football squad is rounding into form after two weeks of training. During the past ten days, Coach Walker has been giving the boys some splendid instruction. Captain John Ford states that he expects to have a team of real contenders for high school honors in North Texas.

Following are those who are members of the squad: Hughes, Ford, Ray, Askey, Nobles, Wilhite, Spain, Gage, Freeman, Sanford, Renshaw, McDaniel, Petty, Guthrie, Workman, Melton, Short, McCracken, Ferguson, Porter, Smith, Cates, Taggart and Greathouse.

D. B. C. WILL PLAY BRIDGEPORT TEAM

There will be two football games at the Baptist College athletic field during the fair next week.

The Decatur high school will open its season with a game with Sanger high school eleven on Thursday, September 20th, the first day of the fair. The local high squad has been working out faithfully for the past two weeks, and the bunch in showing real form.

The college squad will play the Bridgeport high school team Friday afternoon at three-thirty. Bridgeport eleven has been at work for the past two weeks and the game will be well worth seeing. The college team has begun hard scrimmage after several days of intensive training.

Don't fail to see these two football games during the fair.

PAGEANT WILL BE FEATURED AT FAIR

Two of the busiest Wise county fair entertainment committees are employed in arranging for the night programs at the high school auditorium and Baptist College athletic park. The first will be a sketch of characters who made such a hit in the black face comedy of last spring. There will be entirely a new arrangement, fresh jokes and new stunts of every variety.

A beautiful spectacle, symbolic of the unfolding phases of Wise county history, will be given in the ball park at the Baptist College. This will end with a date in latter day history when one of the fairest daughters of the county will be triumphantly made queen of the Wise county fair. Her royal highness will be attended in all her glory by a bevy of beautiful girls of Wise county, selected from the county communities, as princesses in the august court of the fair queen.

In the retinue of Queen Lois of the House of Shawver will be: Queen Annie of the House of Workman of Decatur; Queen Ann of the House of Bobo of Rhome; Queen Ruth of the House of Ward of Boyd; Queen Irma of the House of Bailey of Bridgeport; Queen Olive of the House of Collins of Alford; Queen Frances of the House of Jennings of Chico; Queen Opal of the House of Ewing of Paradise.

A nominal fee will be charged for both of these entertainments.

Only \$312.50 pays board, room, tuition and fees for one school year at Decatur Baptist College. Compare this with any other school in Texas.

WORK WILL BEGIN ON NEW HIGHWAY

Work on the ten miles of good road between Chico and the Montague county line, by way of Park Springs, will begin immediately. All bids for the work were submitted to the commissioners' court on Monday, and the contracts were made. When completed this will be one of the best pieces of county road in the state.

Two years ago bonds in the amount of \$75,000 were voted to build this road, but owing to some dissatisfaction on the part of certain citizens in the district the work has been delayed. The following is a list of the bidders and the amounts asked for the work:

A. E. Germin, bid on structures only, \$17,831.71; Parks and Spright, whole project, \$46,156.29; Tibbetts Construction Company, whole project, \$42,901.61; Allhands & Davis, whole project, \$59,887.27; O'Connor & McEnroe, whole project, \$41,874.88; Austin Bridge Company, structures only, \$20,094.65; J. P. Paty, whole project, \$44,406.61; F. P. McElrath, whole project, \$41,112.24; Womack Construction Company, whole project, \$45,996.89; Dallas Rawhide Road Company, \$40,159.14; Dean Ward, \$42,643.33; Alexander, Speer & Everheart, \$39,219.89.

Contract for road construction was awarded to Alexander & Speer, the contract for the concrete work and bridges was given to E. K. Everheart, the bids amounting to \$39,219.89. The county is to furnish gravel and right-of-way for the road.

Notice of Bankrupt Sale.

In the district court of the United States for the northern district of Texas at Fort Worth: In the matter of James Riley—No. 1187 in bankruptcy. To the creditors of the above named bankrupt, lien holders and other parties at interest:

You are notified that on the 25th day of September, 1923 at ten o'clock a. m. at my office, 912 Dan Waggoner building, city of Fort Worth, Texas, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real property located in Wise county, Texas, as assets of this estate, to-wit:

Three hundred and thirteen acres of land, more or less, situated about twelve miles northeast of the town of Decatur, comprised of four tracts, as follows:

First tract: One hundred and fourteen acres, being all of the John H. Longley survey, patented to him by Patent No. 83, volume 11, dated September 16th, 1869.

Second tract: Sixty-eight acres off of the south end of the A. C. Bond 128.5 acres survey, as patented September 17th, 1887, recorded in volume 13, page 43, deed records of Wise county, Texas.

Third tract: Fifty-one acres off of the south end of the F. M. Fitzgerald survey of 109 acres, Patent No. 493, volume 49, dated March 26th, 1873.

Fourth tract: One hundred and fifteen acres, more or less, off of the northeast end of the John H. Longley 160 acre survey, patented to him by Patent No. 280, volume 12, dated September 17, 1869, recorded in volume F, page 167, deed records of Wise county, Texas.

The above said 313 acres are fully described in a deed of trust given by James Riley to Bonner Loan & Investment Company, beneficiary, recorded in volume 38, page 71-2 deed records of Wise county, Texas, to which reference is made for a more complete description thereof.

The said tracts of land will be sold in their entirety and not separately, subject to a certain deed of trust lien in favor of the Bonner Loan & Investment Company above referred to, but free of any and all other liens and claims of any nature whatsoever.

The said sale will be subject to the confirmation and approval of Honorable Glenn Smith, referee in bankruptcy at Fort Worth, Texas.

This September 7th, 1923.—B. K. ISAACS, trustee in bankruptcy.

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DRESSES OF LATEST STYLES AT REASONABLE PRICES

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Children's coats—\$4.95 to \$15.00.



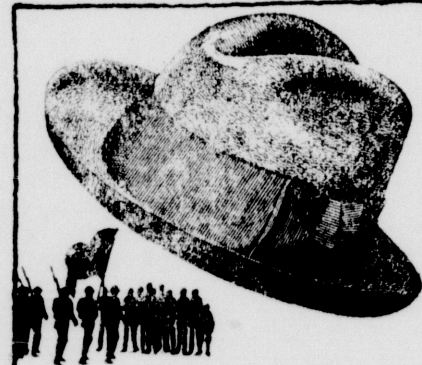
BLACK CAT HOSIERY

—Our stocks of Black Cat hosiery are full and complete. All shades in new silk hosiery. Every pair is guaranteed.
Cotton - lisle—15c to 75c
Silks—\$1.00 to \$3.00 pair

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

—Many new patterns in men's and boys' suits here, all the shades and designs which can't help but appeal to you.
Men's—\$15.00 to \$35.00
Boys—\$5.00 to \$14.50.

—Be sure to make this store your headquarters during fair week—next Thursday-Friday-Saturday, September 21-22-23. Call and inspect the different lines of the latest merchandise we have.



Hats Off!

A HAT you will doff with pride—pride in the possession of a hat that would be at home on the fashionable promenades of the metropolitan cities. The hat of the hour wherever you go.

Star Hats

Always worth more
than they cost.

Men's hats—\$3.50 to \$5
Stetson hats—\$7 to \$10

STYLISH MILLINERY

—A cordial invitation is extended to every lady and miss to visit our big millinery department on fair days. We want you to see the beautiful new displays of artistic models designed by foremost designers. May of the hats are reproduction of winning Paris models so moderately priced.

Ladies'—\$2.50 to \$25.00
Misses'—\$2.00 to \$7.50

NEW NOVELTIES

—A very pretty line of new beads, bags, purses, vanity boxes, neckwear, boidoir caps, braid, linen stamped articles, tassels, fancy ornaments and a very pretty line of ladies handkerchiefs, etc. may be found in our novelty department—low prices.

SHOES AND SLIPPERS

—We have the newest styled shoes and slippers for both old and young members of the family. We are now showing a big complete line of Queen Quality shoes for ladies and growing girls—\$3.00 to \$6.50 per pair.
Child's shoes - oxfords—\$1.25 to \$3.50
Infant's shoes - slippers—\$1 to \$2.50

—Don't forget that we will sell one \$75.00 sewing machine for five cents Saturday, September 29, at four p. m. With each 25c purchase made up to Saturday at four p. m. we will give a ticket we will sell one \$75.00 sewing machine for five cents.

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Friday Morning, September 14th, 1923.



Oklahoma continues to hold front page position.

On with the work of building good roads in Wise county.

After we feed the Japs there will be plenty of time for prayer for them.

One decent act every day goes a long way towards making a perfect year.

No great achievement ever materialized without a great deal of effort back of it.

Since nature shook up Japan, we learn that the Japs have set aside their desire for war.

We can not expect the world to have confidence in us unless we have confidence in our own selves.

Few people have ever felt the sting of criticism until they have made an effort to do something worth while.

It is not too late to influence some student to attend the Decatur Baptist College. Let's fill up the dormitories.

Cotton Farmer: Looking for the best cotton market in Wise county? Bring your cotton to Decatur. Nuff sed.

We again suggest that Dalton, the speed cop, be loosed in Decatur. The law has been set aside in the old town.

Come to the county fair in Decatur. This affair promises to be the biggest and best entertainment ever held in these diggings. Come!

Cotton has been battling around thirty cents in Decatur this week, to the disgust of the fellow who sold his crop for twenty cents some months ago.

There is a big difference between opportunities—some are indifferent, some fair and some good—when the good one comes, grab it and hold on to it tightly.

Adjutant General Thomas D. Bartontown announces that he will be a candidate for governor. With Owsley in the running, the affair would take on a military color.

The German mark has taken another tumble. Some time ago it was so cheap that it was worth less than the blank paper. An American dollar will now buy over fifty-four million marks.

The farmers of Wonderful Wise are picking the frecky staple, and while the yield is not above normal, the good price is putting lots of needed kopeks in the pockets of the farmer.

It will not be Governor Neff's fault if he is not well known to the voters of Texas by the time the next campaign opens. The numerous committees he is heading will give him a plenty of advertising.

Let's pull together for the old town and community. Stop your bickering and losing sleep over the other fellow's business. Get in the procession that is marching toward a bigger and better town and community.

The "back to school" movement began in earnest in Decatur on last six hundred youngsters began their studies under Superintendent L. B. Gill. Looks like a good year ahead for Decatur educational institutions.

More rooms have been engaged at the college dormitories this fall than there were students in the halls last year. This indicates that there will be a large increase in the boarding students at the college when school opens next Wednesday.

The stories of heroic deeds on the blood-soaked fields of France and Germany did not stir the emotions in the heart of a Wise county girl, and she is now in jail. Bad end for a "hero." But, maybe, the girl knew the "hero."

Over in a fashionable sea shore summer resort in France critics have ruled that a woman's bathing costume should not weigh more than six and one-half ounces. Without any further information on the subject we assume that six ounces is for the water-proof silk cap and the other half for the bathing suit. We are glued to this good old town of ours.

Roosevelt had his tennis club; Harding had his golf club; and now Coolidge has originated his walking club. Good, and may the Lord be praised! With a large club from the department office holders in Washington, and all given their papers, the palpitating hosts of the sublime democratic party will bat above .300.

The two big bruisers, Dempsey and Firpo, will maul each other around for about fifteen minutes, while eighty-thousand bugs will pay over a million dollars to see one of the pugs knocked cold. We wouldn't risk a nickel's worth of German marks on the outcome. The fact is that it will not change the course of our young lives whoever gets the big end of the million-dollar purse.

No county is in greater need of land terracing than Wise. For several years this good work has been going on under the direction of the county agent, and many farms have been reclaimed thru this scientific process. Yet, there are many hundreds of acres lying idle because no effort has been made to make them fruitful. In 1909 there were 4029 farms in Wise county; in 1910 there were 3721 farms, and in 1920 there were only 3157—a decrease of 872 farms in twenty years. This deficit must be remedied if the county is to prosper. County Agent Love expects to begin a campaign of terracing in a few weeks. Co-operate with him in the work of reclaiming your farms.

A Dallas policeman decided that "pants" on women "ain't modest," and hailed seven girls, wearing khaki knickers to the police station, whence they had to be rescued by their families bringing petticoats and such paraphernalia. Promiscuous wearing by women of knickers doesn't appeal to a lot of folks, but a policeman isn't the best judge in the world of what is modesty and threatened incarceration of the young girls for wearing garments that, whatever one may think about them, are being increasingly worn by women everywhere, rather convicts Dallas of being a "hick" town or having at least one "hick" policeman. Denton Record-Chronicle.

When you feel down-hearted and discouraged, and things look blue to you, and you want to see something brighter in store, just forget the past, focus your mind and your energies only on the future, and push ahead. You will get there.

When you fill your biler with licker, don't get the idea in your nut that you want to drive a car. The law-makers in their wisdom have decreed that drunks at the steering wheels of automobiles shall go to the state penitentiary, provided, of course said drunks survive the ride.

Oil up your gas meter and give the gas company a square deal this winter. The small price paid for gas by the consumers added to the fifty cent charge for the one-minute service of reading the meter will work a great hardship on the gas company. Pity the poor devils.

A rich young man in Fort Worth the other day, believing his daddy's wealth made his conduct above the law's demands, proceeded to put on a "show" while driving about town in an automobile. In his reckless rounds the gay bird offered a drink from his quart of gin to a uniformed policeman. Contrary to the old rules and custom, the policeman refused to drink, and then proceeded to do the unheard-of. He arrested the rich young man—the bird with a wealthy daddy. But, and b.t.! When the case was called in court, if it were called in court, the young man paid a century mark into the till and went free. Of course, the young quirt was not drunk; in fact, he could not have been drinking, for the law, as plain as the nose on the face of a Jew rug peddler, says a drinking man operating an automobile on a public road or street shall go to the pen. The young man was not drinking. He had the liquor, of course, and was driving recklessly on the streets of Fort Worth, but he was not drinking. The sons of prominent rich parents don't drink in Fort Worth. That's all.

Wise County Fair.

The Wise county fair is to be held this year the twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second of this month. As evidence of a country's thrift and progress there is nothing that will beat a creditable county fair. This fact is becoming generally recognized and as a result there are very few counties in this part of the state that will not hold a fair sometime this fall.

Every loyal citizen of Wise county, therefore, feels vitally interested in the fair and, regardless of locality, will do his best to contribute to its success. We are all alike interested.

Under leadership of their chamber of commerce, the people of Decatur deserve great credit for making such an institution possible. The premium list for the various exhibits, with a complete program for the three days of public entertainment, is now in preparation and will be published in due time. Remember the fair dates, September 20th, 21st and 22nd. It's a county wide institution. Let's help make it a success.—Bridgeport Index.

First Farmer—"Oh, yes, tell 'em all you know; it won't take very long."

Second Farmer—"I'll tell 'em all we both know; it won't take any longer."

The Wobbly One—"Offisher, did you seee me f-all?"

Officer—"Yes."

The Wobbly One—"Had you ever she-sheen me before?"

Officer—"No."

The Wobbly One—"Then how did you know it wash me?"

Special To Students!

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One tablet to each student who buys a pencil here.

All Kinds of School Supplies

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For Best Cake

BEWLEY MILLS WILL GIVE ONE

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Bewley's Best

BLUE RIBBON FLOUR

For the best cake made of this flour and brought to our booth on the square before noon on Saturday, September 22nd. And we will also give

ONE 48-POUND SACK OF

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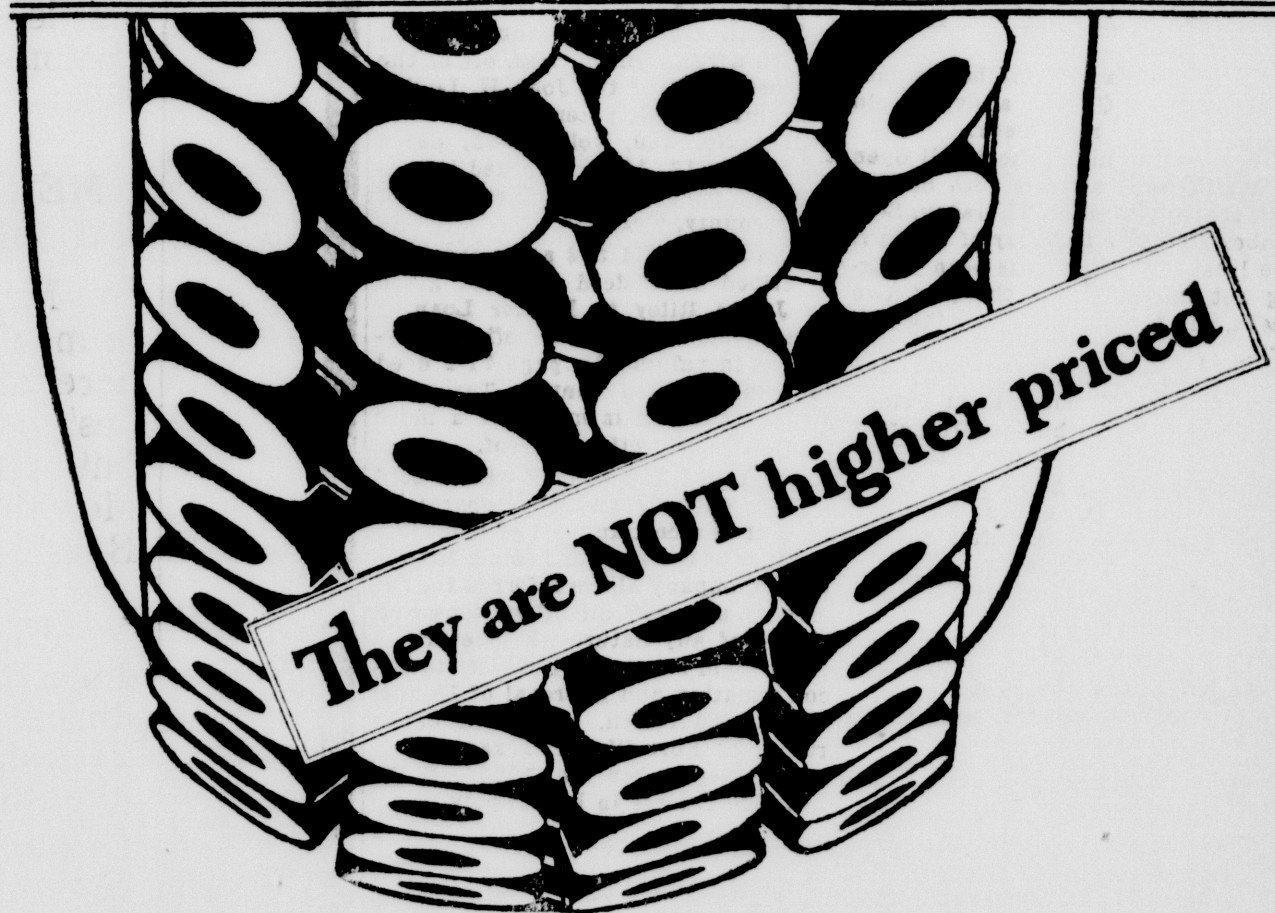
For the second best cake, made of Dainty Dorothy Flour.

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Booth in Middle of West Row on Court House Square

COME TO FAIR THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 21ST, 22ND!

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A cut in prices ranging to 15%

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A FREE TUBE with every Vacuum Cup Tire purchased.

Effective today and continuing for a very limited time only, we will give, absolutely free, with each regular Vacuum Cup Tire purchased,

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SAVING OF 30%

You never have had an opportunity to buy these famous tires so advantageously. Better anticipate your requirements NOW!

SUMMIT GARAGE

ISSUES STATEMENT ABOUT CITY WATER

As a result of rumors about our water supply, I have been asked for a statement with reference to same. Every drop of water that comes to town is filtered thru a plant that was designed by one of the best water works engineers in the state, and it has been passed upon by the state board of health. Our Mr. Frank Owens, who has entire charge of the filter plant, is operating it exactly according to the instructions of the designer of the plant as well as according to the instructions of the state health department, a representative of which has visited the plant at regular intervals.

In some parts of town we have been troubled with muddy water at certain times during the day. We have partially remedied this and expect to continue our efforts until this condition is entirely overcome.

Every citizen in town is invited, in fact, urged to visit the city lake and water filter plant; see how the lake water is pumped in thru an aereator, where it is broken in particles and exposed to the air and sun light and is then treated to a douche of chemicals at the rate of one cc per thousand gallons; see it as it then passes on to the several settling basins where the white flock, formed by the chemical, slowly settles to the bottom of the basin, carrying with it all impurities in the water. Next you will see the water pass from the far settling basin into the big filter sand beds, where it passes by gravity thru more than four feet of the best South Texas filter sand the city was able to buy. Any germs or impurities which might escape the flock in the settling basins will surely be caught by this thick bed of filter sand.

You will next be taken outside of the plant to large closed underground clear well where you will see the clear sparkling water from the filter beds going to the basin where it is lifted up by the large three-stage pump and forced more than three miles to town. The first sight of this clear water going into the clear well will certainly cause you to ask for a drink. When every drop of water is handled in this way, is it not strange that rumors of unfiltered water are sometimes heard on the streets?

C. P. DODSON.

WIFE THINKS HER HUSBAND IS ALIVE

Mrs. May Renfro, wife of the Rev. J. T. Renfro, missing Sinton, Texas, pastor and national lecturer for the Ku Klux Klan, said Tuesday that she was positive that her husband was alive and did not believe that he was in Philadelphia, as reported by state rangers who announced that he had been found there.

"I have never received any report of his being found from the rangers or anyone else," said Mrs. Renfro. "I believe that he is alive and is simply suffering from a mental breakdown caused by over-work. Everything will be explained when he is found."

Despite the confidence expressed by the pastor's wife regarding his safety, those engaged in the search for him around San Antonio are fearful that he has met with foul play because of some of his Ku Klux Klan lectures.

The rangers who announced last week that the missing pastor had been found in Philadelphia continue their silence in the case and refuse to divulge any information.

Rev. Renfro disappeared while in San Antonio on August 24th. His baggage was found shortly afterward by police on the banks of the river at San Antonio. Renfro formerly attended school at Decatur Baptist College, and has many friends in this city interested in him.

Severe Indigestion

"I had very severe attacks of indigestion," writes Mr. M. H. Wade, a farmer, of R. F. D. 1, Weir, Miss. "I would suffer for months at a time. All I dared eat was a little bread and butter. . . consequently I suffered from weakness. I would try to eat, then the terrible suffering in my stomach! I took medicines, but did not get any better. The druggist recommended

Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

and I decided to try it, for, as I say, I had tried others for two or more years without any improvement in my health. I soon found the Black-Draught was acting on my liver and easing the terrible pain.

"In two or three weeks, I found I could go back to eating. I only weighed 123. Now I weigh 147—eat anything I want to, and by taking Black-Draught I do not suffer."

Have you tried Thedford's Black-Draught? If not, do so today.

Over 8 million packages sold, a year. At dealers'

IMPROVEMENTS ON STREETS IS URGED

Touched by a feeling of pride and love of Decatur as the town of his residence, and influenced in some degree perhaps by the progress that has been made in the past several months, H. W. Barton, successful negotiator of Archer Oil Company, entered the lists of town builders Wednesday morning and made the offer to the president and secretary of the chamber of commerce to give one hundred dollars cash on various street and side-walk building projects in Decatur, providing work is undertaken on the streets he indicated. Mr. Barton did not specify particularly the street on which he resides but made the terms of his proposal include the contribution of stated amounts to work on North Trinity street, South Trinity street, East Main street and other streets inclusive of his own beautiful College avenue on which he resides.

This must be regarded as a fine practical example of helpfulness to cure the deficiencies of Decatur's weakest point—the deplorable condition of Decatur's streets and side-walks—and must call forth laudation of the citizenship.

Mr. Barton has already built the walk, curb and gutter complete alongside his residence on College avenue, the widest and potentially the most showy residence street in the city. He feels highly gratified at the work that has been accomplished by the chairman of the street and road committee, W. A. Helm, on South Trinity street, and speaks of it as being of lasting and solid benefit to the town. Incidentally Mr. Barton offered to help out in financing the completion of this street if anything remains to be done.

Improvement sentiment is developing on College avenue. W. A. Hinkle has agreed to gravel the street section fronting his property; John Gentry, Henry Donaldson and George Arrington are disposed to contribute great assistance. In the ultimate, College avenue will probably be improved throughout, inclusive of street, curbs, walks and gutters.

READS MESSENGER WHILE IN HOSPITAL

Writing from Pearl Harbor, T. H., Hawaiian Islands, to the Messenger, James Woolridge, whose home is in Decatur, says in part:

"I am staying in bed in the hospital here, awaiting my recent operation for appendicitis to get well. I was operated on on the morning of the 16th of August. Am in the very best of condition now, and will be running around in the near future. Will resume my duties at the naval air station soon—it's a lot worse than buzzing around with Billy Bee at the air station.

"I get the only real Wise county paper and read it over and over again. News from Delightful Decatur surely sounds good, and it's a good old paper I read.

"Here's hoping Coach Penn Dickson and his splendid grid iron team will chalk up many wins this season. Also wish the high school team well this year.

"We are having times of our lives in this cool climate. The hottest day we've had in two years was eighty-seven degrees.

"NOISY" WOOLDRIDGE."

PREMIUM LIST FOR FAIR AT SYCAMORE

The citizenship of the Sycamore community extends a very cordial invitation to all Wise county to attend their free community fair and barbecue Tuesday, September 18th. First, second and third ribbons will be offered on the following:

Livestock.—Best pair of mules, best pair of horses, best horse colt, best mule colt, best jack, best jennet, best dairy cattle, best bull two years old and over, best bull under one year, best cow over two years, best heifer one year old and under two years, best heifer under one year, best herd of one bull and three heifers, best bull under one year, best heifer under one year, best ram one year old and over, best ewe one year old and over, best ram under one year, best ewe under one year, best senior Poland China and Durock boars, best senior sow pig, best junior boar pig, best junior sow pig, champion boar pig, champion sow pig.

Farm Products.—Best peck wheat, best peck of oats, best peck of barley, best te heads of feterita, best ten heads of milo maize, best ten heads of kaffir corn, best ten heads of darso, best ten heads of higeria, best ten ears of white corn, best ten ears of yellow corn, best ten ears of stawberry corn, best ten ears of bloody butcher corn, best ten ears of mixed corn, best ear of corn in snow.

Poultry.—Best cock, best hen, best cockerel, best pullet, champion male bird, champion female bird, best pen any breed, best dozen eggs, best tom turkey, best hen turkey.

Agricultural Products.—Best five stalks of sorghum, best gallon sorghum syrup, best dozen pears, best dozen apples, best dozen peaches, best dozen plums, best dozen persimmons, best display of agricultural products from one farm.

All exhibits will be judged according to variety: Twenty-five points for quality, twenty-five points for attractiveness, twenty-five points for arrangements and twenty-five points for neatness.

FLATWOODS NEWS

R. D. Locke of Dallas, attended the Methodist conference here.

S. S. Doss and family spent last Sunday in the Paradise community.

Glen Rieger and wife of Decatur, spent Sunday at the home of Lewis Womack and wife.

Misses Fannie Bridges, Iona Mae Miller, Floy Phillips and Jewel Walker visited Mary Page Sunday.

Ross Bridges and family and Uncle Wright Bridges of the Arnold Chapel community, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goodger's.

The third quarterly conference of the Methodist church was a success. Good attendances were had and all finances were well paid.

Leo Koeninger and wife, Ray L. Womack and wife, Earl Perrin and family spent Sunday at their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Womack.

SIX PER CENT FARM LOANS

Joint Stock Land Bank
Will make your loans
at six per cent.
W. E. MUNN
Boyd, Texas.

AN OPEN LETTER TO DECATUR BAPTISTS

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

I want first of all to express my appreciation of the faithfulness of those of you who have stood by the work of the church during the summer months. The work has not been unfruitful and God will not forget to reward your services. There were sixty-three women in the various circles of the missionary society last Monday afternoon, and it is thought that the attendance thru the summer has averaged about fifty. I consider that pretty good.

The pastor has been away in several revival meetings and that usually lowers the attendance at the church services, but the Sunday school and regular church services have been kept going with fair attendance and a good degree of enthusiasm. You will be interested to know that there were fifty-one additions to the Baptist churches in which the pastor held meetings this summer.

Some of you, for one reason or another, have not been in Sunday school for a long time. You expect to start in again some time, do you not? Next Sunday is rally day in our Sunday school. It is the time specially set for all who are not in Sunday school to start in again. The church will be beautifully decorated, and a very interesting program is being prepared for the occasion. Please do not let anything keep you from being on hand next Sunday morning at ten o'clock. If your church membership means anything to you at all join in and help us make this a great day in our church. If you know of any one who needs a conveyance, notify Lawrence Boyd and a car will call for such person Sunday morning at about nine forty-five. We are working for three hundred and fifty in Sunday school next Sunday.

If you are not a Baptist, and are not in Sunday school elsewhere, we would be glad to have you in our Sunday school. The public generally is most cordially invited to come and enjoy our special rally day program. The pastor will preach next Sunday at eleven a. m. and eight p. m.

Yours for a great rally day,
R. E. BELL, Pastor.

"This fellow Skinner tried to tell me that he has had the same automobile for five years, and has never paid a cent for repairs on it," said the fat man. "Do you believe that?"

"I do," replied the thin man sadly. "I'm the man who did his repair work for him."

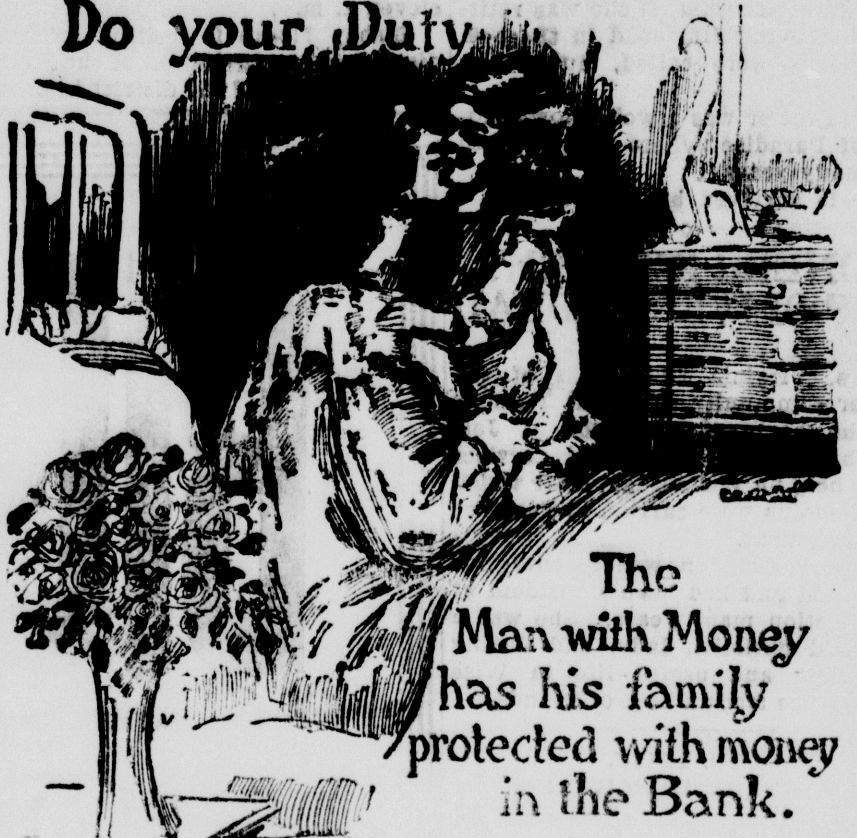
A negro charged with stealing a watch had been arraigned before the court. The judge was not convinced that he was guilty and said: "You are acquitted, Sam."

"Acquitted?" repeated Sam doubtfully. "What do you mean, judge?"

"That is the sentence. You are acquitted."

Still looking somewhat confused, Sam said: "Judge, does dat mean I have to give the watch back?"

Do your Duty



The Man with Money has his family protected with money in the Bank.

—Your future is going to be the future you are making now. Your duty to your own self and homefolks is to prepare a comfortable future.

—The little sums you spend every day for silly extravagances would make you a nice looking bank balance at the time when you will need money.

—Put your money in our bank.

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GOODRICH and FISK TIRES

FABRIC		CORD	
30x3	non-skid . . . \$ 9.50	30x3½	cords \$12.50
30x3½	non-skid . . . \$11.50	31x4	cords \$22.50
31x4	non-skid . . . \$15.95	32x4	cords \$25.75
32x4	non-skid . . . \$19.25	33x4	cords \$26.75
33x4	non-skid . . . \$20.25		

Other sizes in comparison with the above.

THESE TIRES ARE ALL FRESH STOCK—SEE THEM

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Ford size—one-year guarantee—\$18.50
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WE ARE PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF BATTERY WORK

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While They Last—\$6.00.

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Come to the County Fair and Leave Your Car With Us

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Tablets, Ink, Pens, Pencils and Erasers

Lunch Baskets and everything used for school work.

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DECATUR, TEXAS

DIED SUDDENLY IN BED ON SATURDAY

Barney Frazier of Paradise, died suddenly at his home on last Saturday night at eight-thirty o'clock. Mr. Frazier had retired for the night feeling in the best of health. Between eight and nine o'clock his wife tried to arouse him as she was retiring, but found him dead in the bed. Physicians were called, but to no avail.

Mr. Frazier was a well known citizen of Paradise, where he had lived for many years.

He is survived by his wife.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF OLIVER IS DEAD

Mrs. Virginia McClendon of the Oliver community, died last Tuesday at the home of her brother, Jeff North. Appropriate funeral services were held on Wednesday, after which the remains were carried to Paradise for interment.

Mrs. McClendon was seventy-four years old and had been a resident of this section many years. She was a splendid christian lady, and during her long and useful life in Wise county has made a host of friends.

NO. 12416.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Office of Comptroller of the Currency
Washington, D. C., July 21st, 1923.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that "the First National Bank of Paradise" in the town of Paradise, in the county of Wise and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence business of banking;

Now therefore, I, Henry M. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, do hereby certify that "the First National Bank of Paradise" in the town of Paradise, in the county of Wise and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the revised statutes of the United States.

Conversion of the Paradise State Bank, Paradise, Texas.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-first day of July, 1923.—HENRY M. DAWES, Comptroller of the Currency (Aug 3-Sept 28)

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Joe M. Cates, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the last Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1923, in as uit numbered on the docket of said court No. 5251, wherein Mrs. Beulah Lindley and W. H. Portwood are plaintiffs, and C. M. Cates, C. O. Cates, Piner L. Cates, Joe M. Cates, Mrs. Stella J. Allen and Ben F. Allen are defendants, and said petition alleging that plaintiffs and defendants are the joint owners and seeking partition of the the following real property situated in Wise county, Texas:

First tract: 418 acres of land out of the M. Cooper survey located about three miles east from Decatur, and being the land conveyed by H. C. Allen and wife to E. O. Cates by deed shown of record in volume 22 page 70 of the deed records of Wise county, Texas.

Second tract: 320 acres of land suited on Black Creek north of Decatur, and being the land patented to Eli Lindley, as assignee of Abel Hodges, patent No. 473, volume 8, and conveyed by D. C. Cates to E. O. Cates by deed recorded in volume — page 624 of the deed records of Wise county.

Third tract: Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 in block G of the D. C. Cates addition to the city of Decatur, as shown by the plat of said addition.

Fourth tract: The west three-quarters of block No. 20 of the original town of Decatur, Texas, as shown by the plat of said original town of Decatur, and including all of the International Hotel lot.

Fifth tract: All other parcels, lots or blocks of land belonging to the heirs of E. O. Cates, deceased, including especially all unsold portions of the D. C. Cates addition to the town or city of Decatur, as shown by the plat thereof.

Plaintiffs allege that they own an undivided three-eighths of said above property, and seek to have that amount of same set apart to them in partition of same.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, on the 14th day of August, 1923. J. A. MOORE, clerk of said district court, Wise county, Texas. (Sept 7-28)

PROMINENT BISHOP WILL SPEAK HERE

Bishop John M. Moore of Dallas, will preach at the First Methodist church in Decatur on Wednesday night, September 26th. He will also preach at Bridgeport on the following day, Thursday, September 27th, at eleven a. m.

Bishop Moore is visiting Decatur district on the invitation of the Methodist churches of the district in order

of retaining Decatur district intact. A movement has been started in the North Texas Conference to merge this district with Gainesville district, and this plan is being strongly opposed by the Methodists of this section.

DECATUR NEGROES ARE HURT IN SPILL

A Ford touring car, being driven by Walter Arthur, colored, of this city, turned turtle at the sharp curve

in Rhome Monday night. The car had no lights and the steering gear was bad, according to Arthur, and when the curve was reached the Ford went on into the ditch. Those in the car were Walter Arthur and wife, Etta Mae Gardner, Shannon Lewis, Will Arthur and Eva Brown.

Citizens of Rhome were attracted by the cries for help and assisted in lifting the car off of the occupants. Will and Walter Arthur received injuries which necessitated a number of stitches.

Notice.

The commissioners' court of Wise county, Texas, will receive bids addressed to S. M. Ward, county judge, at Decatur, Texas, until October 9th, 1923, at one o'clock p. m. on one crawler type tractor engine, twenty-five draw bar horse-power, delivered at Bridgeport, Texas.

The commissioners will expect to trade, in five or more head of work mules, and one or more second-hand

graders, and will want four to twelve months' terms on part of purchase price.

A certified check for five per cent of the amount of the bid must accompany each bid to insure delivery of machinery contracted for.

The commissioners' court reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids. (Sep 14-Oct 5)

Mother's bread, pound loaves for eight cents, two loaves for fifteen cents at the City Bakery.

BIG EIGHT DAY SALE

To show the people of Wise County our appreciation of their presence in Decatur during our three-day street fair, we are going to place on sale for eight days, starting Saturday, September 15th, and closing Saturday, September 22, many real money-saving values. For the lack of space and time we will mention only a few of the many real values we will have to offer, but our store will be arranged and priced in plain figures to make your shopping easy.

ALL-WOOL SUITS
—Men's all wool suits, neatly tailored, some with belted backs and some without—and priced right—\$29.50, \$19.50 and \$16.50

MEN'S RAINCOATS
—For eight days only we will sell men's leatherett rain coats, regular \$15.00 values at greatly reduced price—\$8.95.

MOLE SKIN PANTS
—We will sell men's mole skin pants that you would pay \$3.50 for elsewhere—\$2.48

MEEN'S DRESS SHOES
—One lot men's dress shirts in all the newest patterns—our sale price—69c.

VALUES IN SHOES
—We will place on sale these eight days one counter pumps and oxfords for ladies, values to \$5.00, sale price—\$2.48.
Lot of children's brown oxfords in Foot-Form last, values up to \$2.50, sale price—\$1.00.

DRESS GINGHAMS
—We will place on sale these eight days new fall dress gingham at special prices—15c.
—One lot dress gingham 10c

MEN'S DRSS SHOES
—We have men's dress shoes in all the new lasts and leathers priced—\$3.50, and \$4.95



NEWEST FALL HATS
—We have a beautiful color assortment of ladies' new hats for fall wear—wonderful values at prices—\$3.95 to \$8.50.

FLORSHEIM SHOES
—Men's Florsheim shoes just arrived—\$9.95.

READY-TO-WEAR
—Ladies' coats, coat suits and dresses and children's coats in our stocks are thee most wonderful showing we have ever made. Just one peep at the new coats, coat suits and dresses will convince you we have a wonderful line at very reasonable prices.
Ladies' dresses—\$16.50 to \$39.50
Ladies' coats—\$12.50 to \$49.50
Ladies' suits—\$16.50 to \$45.00

MEN'S WORK SHOES
—Men's work shoes in all the wanted sizes—\$1.95 to \$4.95.

PIECE GOODS VALUES
—In our piece goods department you will find all the new dress materials for the fall and winter season—poiret twill, silk and wool canton crepe, taffeta, silk ratine, silk crepe knit, mes-salines and crepe de chines—in all the new shades. Reasonably priced—\$1.59 to \$4.50

LADIES' SILK HOSE
—For eight days only we will offer ladies' regular \$1.50 silk hose for—95c.

SWEATER VALUES
—School days are now on and the boys and girls will need a good warm sweater apiece for the cool fall and winter months. Ladies' sweaters—\$2.95 to \$7.50
Boys' and girls'—\$2.50 to \$3.50

BLANKET BARGAINS
—We will place on sale during this eight-day sale one lot plaid blankets, worth \$4.50 to \$5.00, at a special price—\$3.95.

LADIES' PUMPS AND OXFORDS
—You will find us headquarters for the season's new styles. See our shoes before you buy. New black patents, black satins and browns in one and two strap pumps and oxfords.
Men's knit ties now for only 35c
Men's black half hose only 11c
Men's brown half hose only 11c

For lack of time as the paper is now going to press, we have quoted only a few of the many real values that we are going to offer.

RIEGER BROTHERS
FREE! We will give away absolutely FREE on November 2, at 4 p. m., one \$45 Axminster rug. Ask us about it. **FREE!**

PARADISE NEWS

Judge J. G. Gose of Decatur, was in our town Friday.

Miss Madge McAfee of Fort Worth, visiting relatives here.

Mr. Patterson made a business trip to Fort Worth Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stutt spent last Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stutt.

Mrs. Harry Read and little daughter, Earl Frost, spent Thursday and Friday in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Effie Price of Decatur, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Atkins.

Mrs. Homer Rhine and daughter, Movelda, have returned to their home in Decatur, after several days' visit here with relatives.

Mr. Bonnie Frazer of the place died Saturday night. His death was very sudden. He had worked all day and had gone to bed and died at eight thirty. He leaves a wife and other relatives and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was buried at Paradise Sunday afternoon.

On Wednesday evening, September 5th, 1923, Miss Minnie Coffee and Mr. Roy Deatheridge were quietly united in marriage at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Peek, Rev. Strong officiating. The young bride is the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coffee of this place, and was born and reared here where she has a host of friends. Mr. Deatheridge hails from Bridgeport, but also has a number of friends here where he is well known. The many friends of this young couple wish for them a very happy and prosperous journey thru life.

WHITE HILL NEWS

Hugh Montgomery has returned home from an extended visit to McKinney.

Misses Mabel and Ethel Powers of Pella, spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Carrie and Essie Washburn.

Mr. Harris Luther went to Sanger Monday on business.

Miss Carrie Washburn left yesterday for C. I. A. at Denton, where she will attend school.

Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Mullins and family left Thursday for Frederick, Oklahoma, where they will make their home.

A union Sunday school will be organized next Sunday at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Everybody is invited to come.

Cleatus Mullins and Miss Verona Magness were quietly married last Wednesday evening at Sunset, Rev. Angus Swain officiating. These popular young people will make their home in this community.

SLIDELL NEWS

Rev. S. A. Peyton has gone to Chickasha, Oklahoma, to assist in a revival meeting at that place.

Miss Clara Cole and mother of Chillicothe, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gregg.

The cotton yield of the Slidell country is much better than was at one time expected. Many fields are exceeding a half bale per acre.

Miss Stella Gunter spent the week-end with friends in the community. Miss Gunter will teach the third and fifth grades in the public school here again the coming school year.

The school board has set September 24th as the date for the opening of school. A short program is being arranged for the morning of the first day. The prospects for a good school year are very promising.

Miss Mary Knox and Mr. Brownlee Rudd were united in marriage on Sunday of last week. Miss Knox is the popular and efficient principal of the local school, and Mr. Rudd is an industrious and prosperous young farmer. They are at home on the David Hardie ranch.

Demonstrator Wanted.

Want a lady to take charge of our demonstration booth during the Wise county fair next week. Must be able to cook first-class biscuits; must be congenial. BEWLEY MILLS, Jack Walker, Local Manager, Phones S. W. 15, Ind. 21, Decatur.

Best line of hair tonics and hair oils in retail sizes at Roe Shoemaker's

COLLEGE TRAINING CAMP BIG SUCCESS

Coach Penn Dickson has been putting his squad of hopefuls thru more intensive training this week, and on Wednesday began hard scrimmage. New men have been coming into camp this week, adding good material to the already large squad in camp.

The daily work-outs have been witnessed by numbers of local enthusiasts who are elated at the bright prospects for a good team for the Decatur College.

The members of the college squad are working with an enthusiasm that is bound to result in a strong team. The new material is showing up well, while the members of last year's team are making rapid progress. A few minor injuries to players have not dampened the pep of the bunch and they are all working hard.

Thes quad was entertained on last Friday night by the local post of the American Legion, and on Tuesday night the boys were given a swimming party by the local chamber of commerce.

The first practice game of the season will be played with Bridgeport high school here next Friday afternoon. Coach Dickson expects to use every man on his squad in this game.

When Sap Spradlin saw a man digging a well with a Roman nose today he was so surprised he stopped his mule and asked the man if he couldn't make better time by taking a pick in his mouth and turning somersaults.

SEVERAL COMMUNITIES WILL ASSIST IN THE COUNTY FAIR

Three other communities have also responded to the fair spirit but probably too late to take advantage of the county event by bringing exhibits, Boyd, Alvord and Oak Grove. Alvord

will positively hold a fair, however, on the two days of September 28th and 29th and extends a cordial invitation to the people of this section to attend.

Parts for the parade have been assigned and no small degree of ingenuity is being exercised by the

various participants to make the many vehicles as novel and attractive as possible.

A pleasing part of the parade will be men and women horse-back riders. Those who wish to enter for this division should be assigned places in advance by the chairmen.



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Electric Curling Irons \$3.50

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Visit our 12 Big Booths
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Twenty-Seven Fifty

This Price Was Paid for Cotton All Day Monday in Decatur

Tuesday the cotton mills advanced eight-ounce duck two cents per yard. It's your next move! Our counters are groaning under the load of goods bought on the fifteen cent cotton. We now offer for your selection one of the largest and best selected stocks of high-grade merchandise ever shipped to Decatur, Texas. Here you will find each department complete and filled to the guard rail with the newest things in ready-to-wear, suits, coats, dresses, skirts, kimono's, blouses, silk underwear, etc.—and styles, quality and prices are right! In our men's department may be found Hart Schaffner & Marx suits and overcoats, L. Greiff & Company suits, Stacy Adams, M. A. Packard and Roberts, Johnson & Rand shoes, Stetson hats, Phoenix and Cadet hosiery, Arrow brand shirts and collars and many other standard brand articles that are worth your consideration.

STAPLE GOODS BARGAINS

New fall outings, per yard	19c
Cotton chilies, per yard	19c
Red Seal gingham, per yard	25c
32-inch gingham, per yard	19c
Bungalo cretons, per yard	25c
36-inch percales, per yard	19c
36-inch brown domestic, per yard	12 1/2c
36-inch hope bleached domestic	15c
36-inch Morocco crepes, per yard	\$1.29
Canton crepes, per yard	\$2.50
54-inch plaid skirting, per yard	\$2.50
36-inch plaid skirting, per yard	\$1.39
36-inch all-wool serge, per yard	90c
9-4 bleached sheeting, per yard	50c

LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR

Ladies' new coat suits	\$19.50 and up
Ladies' new dresses	\$12.50 and up
Ladies' new coats	\$15.00 and up
Ladies' new skirts	\$5.95 and up
Ladies' new sweaters	\$3.95 and up
Gossard corsets, new styles	\$1.50 and up

SHOES FOR EVERYBODY

Misses' Star brand shoes	\$1.75 and up
Children's Star brand shoes	\$1.25 and up
Shoes, oxfords and novelties for Ladies' wear	\$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.50 and up
Men's Star brand shoes	\$2.25 and up
Boys' Star brand shoes	\$1.75 and up

SUITS FOR MEN AND BOYS

Hart Schaffner & Marx all-wool suits and overcoats	\$39.50 and up
L. Greiff & Brothers (Greiffon Clothes) suits and overcoats	\$29.50 and up
Isaac Fallers & Son (Fallers Special) all-wool blue serge suits	\$24.50
Isaac Fallers & Son suits and overcoats in various models	\$15.00 and up
Boys' two-pant suits	\$5.95
Boys' one-pant suits	\$3.95 and up
Sixteen-button kid gloves	\$4.95 and up
Phoenix hosiery	55c and up

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It takes money to run a business.
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Cleaning—Pressing—Suits to Order
Buy M. Born & Company suits
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—Main Street—

**BROWN'S RESTAURANT AND
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—Bread and Meats—
Near Rhome Garage on East Front

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A. B. VAN METER

Plenty of 6 Per Cent Money to Loan
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BRING YOUR CREAM TO RHOME!
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The Rhome Garage services are al-
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Your patronage will be greatly
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RHOME GARAGE

MEAT AND BREAD!

S. L. Leonard
"Trade In Rhome!"

FOR SALE

One French Burr corn mill; cost
\$375.00 new; will take \$50.00.
One eight-inch steel Burr feed mill,
will take \$20.00. Also Ford en-
gine, \$15.00.

—Phone or write—

E. C. TROXELL
Rhome, Texas.

RHOME PAGE

Rhome News.

L. C. Slimp and family were Fort
Worth visitors Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Smitherman was in Fort
Worth on last Monday.

J. H. Rowan of Decatur, was in
Rhome on business Tuesday.

Olen Puckett of Polytechnic, was
Sunday guest of Master Anold Shaw.

Miss Daisy Russell spent Tuesday
with Miss Maude Morris in Fort
Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buerbaum of
Dallas, spent Thursday with Mrs. M.
F. Davis.

Mrs. L. R. Douglas and Miss Ann
Bobo were guests of friends in Decatur
Tuesday.

Mrs. Alvin Clark and son, Bonnie,
visited Mrs. Clark's parents last week
at Springtown.

Sim Kelley of Graham, will arrive
this week with his mother, Mrs.
Laura Andrews.

Mrs. Clyde Hurley of Fort Worth,
was guest Saturday of her mother,
Mrs. Zora Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ellis of Wich-
ita Falls, have been guests of Z. B.
Bobo and family.

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Rhome.

Miss Adrine Ash of Beaumont,
came last week for an extended visit
with friends here.

Miss Eula Mae Renshaw returned
from a visit with Miss Juanita Far-
rington at Alvord.

Mrs. C. T. Clark of Polytechnic,
spent Saturday with her son, J. A.
Clark, and family.

Mrs. J. A. Alexander of Fort
Worth, spent one day last week with
Mrs. L. T. Green.

Harold Van Meter left Friday for
Clarendon where he enters as student
in Clarendon College.

Mrs. J. L. Stone and daughter left
Thursday for Decatur, where they
will spend the winter.

Z. B. Bobo has returned from Well-
ington, where he spent very pleasant
vacation on a hunting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wright and
family of Fort Worth, visited Mr and
Mrs. Roy Gauntt last Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Misses Gladys
and Mary Jo Troxen spent Monday
in Decatur, guests of relatives.

Miss Mattie Neel spent last week-
end with Mrs. E. M. Morris and Mrs.
L. W. Renshaw in Fort Worth.

Misses Ruth Van Meter and Thelma
Gribble left Tuesday for Fort Worth
to enter Texas Woman's College.

Mrs. Ervin Douglas of Vernon, is
in Rhome for a visit with her father,
M. T. Oates, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Randolph and
Miss Georgie Beard attended Presby-
tery at Flower Mound last week.

Mrs. Charles Mondrick and chil-
dren and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Vacker
are spending this week in Gonzales.

J. W. Clawson of Fluvanna, Misses
Ernest Vautrian and S. E. Clawson of
Fort Worth, were Rhome visitors last
week.

Mrs. L. W. Renshaw, who is very
ill, has been removed to Johnson's
sanitarium in Fort Worth for treat-
ment.

Miss Georgia Beard and aunt, Mrs.
Mollie Beard, were guests last week-
end of Mr. and Mrs. Will O'Neal at
Justin.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Lakey and
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkerson were
sight-seeing visitors at Forest Park
Sunday.

Miss Etta Mae Hutchinson, who
has made an extended visit here, re-
turned to her home in Elvasville on
Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davenport
and Miss Gabie Sue Carpenter of
Decatur, were guests of the Misses
Bobo Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. White and Mrs. O. S.
Lattimore and children of Fort Worth
were here Friday, the guests of Mrs.
Wood Russell.

Mrs. W. A. George and daughter,
Miss Nona, returned home Sunday
after spending two weeks with rela-
tives in Oklahoma.

Rev. Odus Rainer of Seminary Hill,
Mrs. Zenia Buckner and niece, Merle
Whetsell, Miss Thelma Tillough of
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Chico last Wednesday were Mrs. Z. B.
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Rev. Hamilton of Bridgeport and
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Home Burned.

Rhome and vicinity was shocked to
learn of the disastrous occurrence
which came to Mr. W. H. Miles, who
lives seven miles northeast of Rhome,
when his home and entire household
goods were reduced to ashes Monday
morning at about three o'clock, tak-
ing with it the toll of one life, an
employee of the ranch, John Jones,
whose home was in Alvord. It was
evident that Uncle John, as he was
familiarily known, made a frantic
effort to escape but seemingly the
stairway collapsed as he made his
last effort towards safety, and all
that remained to identify Uncle John
was found at the foot of the stairway.
Mr. Miles' loss was partly covered
by insurance.

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county? Subscribe for the Messenger
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Trades Day.

Managers J. H. Brown, John R.
Whitehead, L. R. Douglas and O. T.
Finlayson promise some entirely new
features in addition to the usual
rodeo, etc. for the coming October 6th.

Committees are already being con-
sidered to take care of each division
of the entertainment and a wholesome
well featured day is being planned
for the people on next trades day.

Church Directory.

Following is the permanent church
directory of the churches at Rhome,
the various services and officers of
each department being given:

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every fourth Sunday in
each month, morning and evening.
Sunday school at ten a. m. L. R.
Randolph, superintendent. Ladies'
aid society Monday at three p. m.
Mrs. J. D. Burch, president. W. A.
Binyon, pastor.

Methodist Church.

Preaching each second and fourth
Sunday, morning and evening. Sun-
day school at ten a. m. S. A. Low-
ance, superintendent. Missionary so-
ciety, Monday at three p. m. Mrs.
P. T. Gribble, president. Prayer-
meeting Wednesday evenings. E. G.
Roberts, pastor.

Baptist Church.

Preaching each first and third Sun-
day, morning and evening. Sunday
school at ten a. m. W. F. Willis,
superintendent. Ladies' auxiliary on
Monday at three p. m. Mrs. W. E.
McGhee, president. Junior and sun-
beam band Sunday at three p. m.
Mrs. C. E. Shaw, leader. Miss Flora
Leach, assistant. Prayer-meeting on
Wednesday evening. A. J. Leach,
pastor.

Denver Train Schedule.

South Bound.

No. 8—5:55 a. m.—Thru train, re-
ceives mail.
No. 6—11:00 a. m.—Local.
No. 4—4:20 p. m.—Local, receives
and dispatches mail.

No. 2—5:25 p. m.—Thru train, re-
ceives and dispatches mail.

North Bound.

No. 3—8:46 a. m.—Local, receives
and dispatches mail.
No. 1—10:38 a. m.—Thru train, re-
ceives and dispatches mail.
No. 5—7:45 p. m.—Local, receives
mail.

No. 7—11:30 p. m.—Thru train, re-
ceives and dispatches mail.

All mail for dispatch should reach
the post office thirty minutes before
train time.

Lodge Directory.

Stated meeting of Rhome lodge,
A. F. & A. M. No. 1159, second Sat-
urday night of each month. Visitors
invited. J. R. SLAGLE, W. M.
A. B. VAN METER, Sec'y.

Guard Your Health.

It has been truly said: "When a
man loses his health, then he begins
to take care of it." This is a fact.
Most people do neglect their health
till some dread disease attacks them
and then as a rule it is too late to
regain perfect physical condition.

Every year thousands of people die
from overwork, or more often from
useless worry. Preventive measures
are much better than curative treat-
ment. Health is the most priceless
possession we can have. God has
given us the air and sunshine; why
do we not take advantage of it? It
is the cheapest medicine we can take,
but how we neglect it for the rocker
just because we have to walk.

Walk! That is just what you need.
No one would fail to safe-guard a
thousand dollars in gold but nearly
every one neglects his health. Why
not guard your health as carefully as
you do your property? Do you go
ever three or six months and have
your teeth looked after? Every little
bit of decay should be stopped as it
tends to upset your system.—Guest.

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Messenger to Mrs. Claud Shaw at
Rhome.

Douglasville News.

Mr. Robert Smith was a Sunday
visitor of Warner Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Byrom were
recent visitors of W. A. Lisby.

Miss Eber Stockton was guest of
Miss Florence Brammer Sunday.

Master Wayne Sparks spent Sun-
day afternoon with Warner Ford.

Miss Aldrian Ash of Beaumont, is
visiting friends and relatives of this
place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norman and
family spent Sunday with relatives
at Dido.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch and Martia
Brown and families spent Sunday at
Forest Park.

Mr. Raymond Brown is visiting
relatives and friends here from Fort
Sam Houston.

Mr. Robert Brown has gone to
work on the county road near Rhome
for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Ned Richardson and children
are spending the week with Mr. and
Mrs. Floyd Byrom of Rhome.

Messrs. Lynn Walker and Alton
Ford were visitors of M. M. Ford and
family last Tuesday from Ponder.

Mr. James Brown has returned to
Fort Sam Houston, after spending
several weeks on furlough here with
relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Holt and G. A.
Looney, Misses Adria Ash and Inez
Looney were Sunday guests of J. W.
Naugle and family at Saginaw.

Guests of Miss rna Ford Sunday
were Misses Epsie and Etta Mae Har-
well, Florence and Bessie Randolph,
Ernestine Boyd and Messrs. James
and Raymond Brown.

Mrs. Claud Shaw will take your
Messenger subscription at Rhome.

Aurora News.

Ezra Simmons was in Fort Worth
on business Saturday.

James Hines, who enlisted for
army service last year, is at home on
a ten day furlough, the guest of his
mother, Mrs. Martha Hines.

Let us not forget to be at Sunday
school promptly on September 16th.
Your presence is need and it might
be that you need the Sunday school.

Most of our folks are kept busy
now hauling away the fleecy staple.
It looks mighty good too, folks. Here
is hoping king cotton has a long, long
reign.

Frank Reid returned Wednesday
from West Texas. After a brief visit
here with his family he will go to
Ringgold where he will enter high
school.

Mrs. W. T. Flowers and daughter,
Miss Gertrude Prunty, of Denton,
were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joel R.
Chambers Sunday. Miss Prunty left
Sunday afternoon for Iowa Park to
resume her school duties as member
of the high school faculty of that
place.

Newark News.

A. L. Rogers was in Fort Worth
Wednesday on business.

Harland Wilkinson of Fort Worth,
visited friends in Newark recently.

Mh. and Mrs. H. B. Harrison were
Fort Worth visitors last Wednesday.

Victor Eastlake of Fort Worth,
visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Keller last week.

Miss Nell Hudson left Tuesday for
Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth,
where she will attend school.

Miss Denora Rogers returned home
last Friday, after spending several
days with friends and relatives in
Fort Worth.

Guests in the Rogers home Sunday
were Mr. and Mrs. W. N. George and
son, Bill Jr., of Fort Worth, and Mr.
and Mrs. W. A. George of Rhome.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Siddons and
daughter, Anita Jay, are making their
home in Newark during the cotton
season. Mr. Siddons is a resident of
Paradise, but he is well know here,
having made his home at this place
several years ago.

Many of the farmers in and around
Newark are presenting a joyful face
in contrast to the serious aspect they
presented last week and the preced-
ing weeks. Much more cotton is
being made than was expected, and
the market looks very promising with
so many eager buyers.

"The doctor says he will let me
know in a week whether I am going
to live or not."

"And what does he expect you to
do in the meantime?"

"He told me to take a complete
rest and above all not to worry about
anything."

Little Miss Gwendolyn was affably
discouraging with the rich widower
who was quite interested in her
mother.

"If I send you a doll," said Mr.
Richington, "should it have golden
hair like yours?"

Gwendolyn—"Oh, no; the next doll
I get must have hair like mama's—to
take off and put on."

Her (in art gallery)—"Are you
fond of Art?"
The Other Her—"Art who?"

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